

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF CANDY AMONG CHILDREN AND WOMEN

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sent a communication to all the State Governments asking them to distribute fortified candy among the poor children and women as reported in the Hindu dated March 7, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the response received by the Government from the States in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government has asked the State Governments to intensify the programmes for control of micronutrient malnutrition relating to deficiencies of Vitamin A, Iron, Folic Acid and Iodine.

(b) The facts have not been correctly reported in the Hindu dated 7.3.2005.

(c) The response is awaited.